

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 10130 Agenda Number 30.

Meeting Date: 9/22/2011 Department: Health and Human Services

<u>Subject</u>

Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to three social services contracts with the following: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS INC., DBA GREEN DOORS, in an amount not to exceed \$62,060, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$133,800; COUNCIL ON AT-RISK YOUTH, in an amount not to exceed \$176,400, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$467,439; and IMMIGRATION COUNSELING AND OUTREACH SERVICES, in an amount not to exceed \$70,540 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$108,033, to fill gaps in social services for homeless, youth, and refugee services, for one year terms from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$309,000 is available in the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 18, 2011 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 10 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommending by the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee, September 15, 2011.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	
Additional Backup Information	

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has unallocated funding in FY 2010-2011. The current social services contracts with COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS, INC. DBA GREEN DOORS; COUNCIL ON AT-RISK YOUTH, and IMMIGRATION COUNSELING AND OUTREACH SERVICES, will be increased with one time funding in the amount of \$309,000. A separate RCA will be submitted to allocate \$71,000 to the Austin-Travis County Integral Care Substance Abuse Managed Services Organization program. This is one time funding being provided based on the recommendation of the Public Health and Human Services Committee, at its meeting on September 15, 2011, to fill gaps in social services for homeless, youth, and refugees.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS, INC. DBA GREEN DOORS provides transitional housing and access to supportive services for homeless veterans. Green Doors owns and maintains a total of nine single-family residences, scattered throughout south and southeast Austin for domicile by homeless veterans of honorable military service enrolled in the Veteran's Transitional Housing Program. Two of the houses serve women. Green Doors provides emergency transitional shelter and supportive services.

COUNCIL ON AT-RISK YOUTH' (CARY) has a mission of "helping youth promote safe schools and communities". CARY provides services to youth to address issues related to youth violence and juvenile delinquency. Youth are provided with case management services for 12 months which include violence prevention, social cognitive skills training, individual behavioral planning, counseling and mentoring, and service learning projects designed and implemented by participating students.

IMMIGRATION COUNSELING AND OUTREACH SERVICES provides services to assist refugees living in central Texas in the acquisition of Lawful Permanent Residency (LPR) status. This program provides outreach to those persons, screens them for eligibility, and provides them with legal assistance for adjustment applicants and an explanation of the process. It provides the technical assistance necessary to completely prepare the Adjustment of Status LPR applications, and other assistance the client may need with this process.

PEFORMANCE MEASURES

Specific measures will be negotiated for each contract